

V6 November 2021	<b>BLAGDON CRICKET CLUB RULES</b>
<b>Rule 1. THE CLUB</b>	The Club shall be known as “The Blagdon Cricket Club” hereinafter referred to as “The Club”.
<b>Rule 2. THE GROUND</b>	The Club ground and premises and address is The Bartons, Bath Road, Blagdon in the County of North Somerset
<b>Rule 3. OBJECTIVES</b>	<p>The objects of the Club are to provide facilities for and promote the participation of the whole community in the sport of Cricket.</p> <p>The aim shall be to contribute to the maintenance of the social fabric of the village. Community, encourage the love and enjoyment of the game of cricket, in the spirit of fair play, whilst conserving and protecting the natural beauty of the cricket ground.</p> <p>It is anticipated that this will then develop skills of leadership, initiative, and teamwork in young people of the area. Membership shall be open to all, irrespective of age, disability, gender, reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity; race, religion or belief, sex ,sexual orientation.</p>
<b>Rule 4. MEMBERSHIP</b>	<p>A: There will be 11 classes of Club membership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Regular Player Membership – a full membership fee is payable, and Regular Players have no limit to the number of matches played</li> <li>ii. Occasional Player Membership– a reduced membership fee is payable which entitles the Occasional Player to play no more than 5 matches per season and the member is required to upgrade their membership if they play 6 matches or more.</li> <li>iii. Concessionary Membership – this membership is available to players who are over the age of 18 <u>and</u> in full time education, players over the age of 60, and players who are not in full time employment.</li> <li>iv. Under 18 Membership</li> <li>v. Under 15 Membership</li> <li>vi. Temporary Membership – this membership is included in the match fee, and entitles new members to be covered by Club insurance, whilst enjoying a “taste” of cricket. The Temporary Member can play up to 3 matches in this way, but this membership is non-renewable, and the member is required to upgrade their membership if they play 4 matches or more. This upgrade is payable by the end of the month following the month in which this fourth match takes place..</li> <li>vii. Social Membership – this is a non-playing membership and entitles the Social Member to enjoy the benefits of pavilion facilities and insurance cover.</li> <li>viii. Life Patrons</li> <li>ix. Life Members</li> <li>x. Vice-Presidents</li> <li>xi. Honorary Members – as appointed by the committee</li> </ul>
<b>MEMBERSHIP YEAR</b>	<p>B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Annual club membership will run from 1 January to 31 December in each calendar year.</li> <li>ii. A current Member of the Club is defined as a player who has renewed their membership of the Club for the current membership year (1 January to 31 December)</li> <li>iii. Players have until 31 May to pay their membership fee for the year. Members from the previous year are still considered members of the Club up to and including this date.</li> <li>iv. A player, other than a Temporary Member, who has not paid their membership for a membership year by 31 May of that year is not considered a current Member of the Club, and cannot enjoy the benefits of membership of the Club, which include the right to play cricket, use the facilities of the club and enjoy insurance cover taken out by the Club for its Members.</li> </ul>

	<p>v. Captains must not select non-members to play in Club teams and the Committee must actively prevent this from happening.</p>
<b>VOTING RIGHTS</b>	<p>C: All members are entitled to use the Club ground and premises and are otherwise entitled to all Club privileges save that only fully paid up playing members and temporary members shall be eligible for selection to play in any of the cricket XI. All members shall be entitled to attend the AGM, but only the Club Officers, Officials, Management Committee and membership classes i, iii, viii, .ix and xi are allowed to vote. For the avoidance of doubt no individual shall be entitled to vote more than once at any such meeting save, in appropriate circumstances, the Chairman or the President of the Club may have the casting vote as provided for elsewhere in these Rules.</p>
<b>Rule 5. OFFICERS</b>	<p>The Club shall have the following Officers all elected annually at the Annual General Meeting. All shall be honorary posts</p> <p>(a) President. (b) Chairman. (c) Secretary. (d) Treasurer</p> <p>Nominations for all Officers signed by the proposers and seconders shall be lodged with the Honorary Secretary seven clear days prior to the Annual General Meeting, the consent of the nominee having been previously obtained. All Officers shall retire at the Annual General Meeting but shall be eligible for re-election. In the event of equal voting the Chairman for the time being shall have the casting vote except in the case of his own office when the President shall have the casting vote.</p>
<b>Rule 6. PROPERTY</b>	<p>A. The property of the Club (other than cash which shall be under the control of the Honorary Treasurer) shall be vested in not more than four nor less than two Trustees who have power to invest money in property securities or in an/ other manner and adopt such measures in relation to such investments as may appear to them necessary in the interest of the Club subject to the approval of the Management Committee by resolution (of which an entry in the minute shall be conclusive evidence) and they the Trustees shall be indemnified against risk and expense out of the Club property. The Trustees shall be elected annually by the Management Committee at the first meeting after the A.G.M. The Trustees shall hold office until death or resignation or until removed from office by a resolution of the Management Committee who may for any reason which may seem sufficient to a majority of them present and voting at any meeting to remove any Trustee or Trustees from the office of Trustee. If by any reason of any such death, resignation or removal it shall appear necessary to the Management Committee that a new Trustee or Trustees shall be appointed or an additional Trustee or Trustees the Management Committee shall by resolution nominate the person or persons to be appointed the new Trustee or Trustees for the purpose of giving effect to such nomination. The Chairman is hereby nominated as the person to appoint new Trustees of the Club within the meaning of Section 36 of the Trustee Act 1925 and he shall by deed duly appoint the person or persons so nominated by the Management Committee as the new Trustee or Trustees of the Club and the provisions of the Trustee Act 1925 shall apply to any such appointment. Any statement of fact in any such Deed of Appointment shall be in favour of a person dealing bona fide and for value with the Club of the Management Committee be conclusive of the fact so stated.</p> <p>B. All other properties and finance of the Club shall be vested in the Officers and the Management Committee as appropriate.</p>

<b>Rule 7. OFFICIALS</b>	<p>The Officials of the Club shall consist of the Captains, Vice-Captains, Fixture Secretary, Ground Co-ordinator, Club Welfare Officer and the Youth Teams Organiser and shall be elected annually at the A.G.M. Nominations for all Officials, signed by the proposers and seconders, shall be lodged with the Honorary Secretary seven clear days prior to the A.G.M., the consent of the nominee having been previously obtained. All Officials shall retire at the A.G.M. but shall be eligible for re-election. In the event of equal voting the Chairman for the time being shall have the casting vote.</p>
<b>Rule 8. MANAGEMENT</b>	<p><u>Management Committee</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Management Committee shall consist of the Officers of the Club; 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> XI Captains, Sunday XI Captain, Ground Co-ordinator, Club Welfare Officer and Youth Teams Organiser elected annually at the A.G.M</li> <li>ii. The Management Committee shall be responsible for all decisions affecting the property and finances of the Club, and the carrying out of the objects of the Club. The Management Committee shall meet not less than 6 times per year.</li> <li>iii. The Management Committee shall have power to co-opt additional members as it sees fit provided always that such co-opted members are elected by not less than a two third majority of the Management Committee. Such co-opted members shall be entitled to vote.</li> <li>iv. At least five members or 30%, whichever shall be the greater, of the Management Committee must be present at any meeting to constitute a quorum. Provided always that no meeting shall have a quorum unless at least two thirds of those present have been duly elected by the Club in general meetings.</li> <li>v. The Chairman of any Management Committee meeting shall have a vote and a casting vote in any event of a tie.</li> </ol>
<b>Rule 9. ORDERING GOODS</b>	<p>No Officers, Official or Manager of the Club shall by virtue of his/her appointment, have power to order goods or dispose of the funds of the Club. No goods or labour shall be supplied nor any contract entered into for work to be done to the Club, nor shall any office or salary profit or remuneration be held by any member of the Committee, nor shall any Honoraria be paid to committee members, unless authorised by a general meeting.</p>
<b>Rule 10. SUBSCRIPTIONS &amp; INCOME</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Subscriptions and match fees shall be decided at the A.G.M</li> <li>ii. The Income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards promoting the Club's objects as set forth in these rules and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred, directly or indirectly to the members of the club.</li> </ol>
<b>Rule 11. DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Management Committee shall have power to reprimand, suspend for a period (not exceeding 12 months) or expel] any member who shall infringe any rule or bylaw, or misconduct whether within the Club premises or elsewhere shall in their opinion render him/her unfit for membership; but no member shall be reprimanded, suspended or expelled without first being summoned before the Committee and full opportunity afforded him/her to advance a defence nor unless two thirds at least of the members of the Management Committee then be present and entitled to vote shall vote for his/her suspension or expulsion. Every member so summoned shall (unless he/she shall elect to waive his/her right to receive notice) receive at least three clear days notice in writing from the Secretary. Such notice shall contain a statement of the charge brought against him/her.</li> <li>ii. A suspended member shall not be entitled to use the Club premises nor attend any</li> </ol>

	<p>general meeting nor vote at an election or hold any office during suspension, but shall remain liable to pay his/her subscription.</p>
<p><b>Rule 12 CHILD PROTECTION</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Club has adopted as its child protection policy the ECB Safe Hands Policy as maintained and issued by that body from time to time.</li> <li>ii. Players under the age of 13 will not be permitted to play in any of the Senior sides without written approval from parents and where required any special consent from cricket leagues</li> </ul>
<p><b>Rule 13 EQUALITY</b></p>	<p>The Club has adopted the ECB Equality Code of Conduct</p>
<p><b>Rule 14. ADMISSION TO CLUB PREMISES</b></p>	<p>Only Club members their guests and members of visiting cricket club's shall be admitted to the Club premises.</p>
<p><b>Rule 15. MEMBER DETAILS</b></p>	<p>The Club shall keep at The Club Premises a Register of Members in which the Secretary shall enter the following particulars: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The name and address of the members.</li> <li>ii. The name and addresses of the Officers and Officials, and other members of the Management Committee of the Club, with the offices held by them respectively, and the dates on which they assumed office. Every member, shall within 14 days, give notice to the Secretary of the change in his/her address.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Rule 16 MISCONDUCT</b></p>	<p>Officers of the Club shall have power to order the withdrawal from the Club premises of any member who misconducts him/herself and such members shall have no right of re-entry to the Club's premises until summoned to meet the Management Committee as provided in Rule 11. If the next ordinary meeting of the Management Committee be within less than 3 days, such member may claim to appear before then, and to have his/her case dealt with waiving the length of notice required by the said Rule 11.</p>
<p><b>Rule 17 INSPECTION OF ACCOUNTS</b></p>	<p>A suitably qualified person shall inspect the Club's records annually to certify the accuracy of the accounts. The suitably qualified person shall be appointed each year at the A.G.M. of the Club.</p>
<p><b>Rule 18 BORROWING MONEY</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Club shall have power to borrow money for the purposes of the Club, provided that the amount of money borrowed for the time being remaining undischarged shall not exceed £7,500 and that the interest paid or to be paid in respect of any money borrowed (except money borrowed by way of Bank overdraft) shall not exceed 5% per annum or 1% per annum above the Bank Of England base lending rate, whichever is the greater.</li> <li>ii. The Management Committee shall have the power to determine from time to time the terms and conditions upon which money is borrowed and to vary such terms and conditions.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Rule 19 ACCOUNTS</b></p>	<p>The Management Committee shall present to the A.G.M. of the Club an annual report and independently inspected accounts for the financial year ended the previous October 31<sup>st</sup>.</p>
<p><b>Rule 20. MEETINGS</b></p>	<p><u>A. Annual General Meetings</u></p> <p>An Annual General Meeting (which all members of the Club are eligible to attend and vote, as allowed for in Rule 4C) shall be held before the 30th November in each year and so that 15 months must not elapse without the holding of an Annual General Meeting for the purpose of -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To read notice convening the meeting.</li> </ol>

2. To receive and confirm the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.
3. To receive and adopt the annual reports
4. To receive and adopt the audited accounts.
5. To fix the annual subscription and match fees.
6. To appoint Officers and Officials and otherwise elect the Management Committee.
7. To appoint auditors.
8. To transact such other business that may be brought to the meeting by permission of the Chairman.

At least 14 days notice of the Annual General meeting shall be given in writing to the members, propositions for the agenda must be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the Club at least 7 days prior to the meeting and be duly signed by a proposer and seconder.

#### B. Extraordinary General Meeting

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the Club shall be called for any' purpose whatever, provided the then Secretary receives 14 days clear notice of the reason for the meeting and the proposed date of the meeting signed by a minimum of five members of the Club, or one fifth of the total number of members entitled to attend and vote at a General Meeting whichever is the less. Provided always that the Management Committee shall have power to call an Extraordinary General Meeting for any purpose whatever provided 14 days notice is given to those members entitled to attend and vote at such meeting. For this purpose notice shall be properly given, if the Secretary shall post the proposed agenda for the meeting in the Club premises giving at least 14 days notice of the meeting.

#### C. Quorum

Thirty of the total number of members entitled to attend and vote at a general meeting or one fifth of such members, whichever is the less, shall form the quorum at all general meetings of the Club. If a quorum is not achieved within 30 minutes of the time fixed for the meeting then, if convened on the requisitions of the members, the meeting shall be dissolved but if a meeting convened by order of the Committee, it shall stand adjourned to the week following, at the same time, and the meeting so adjourned may proceed to business whatever be the numbers present. No meeting shall become incompetent to transact business for the want of a quorum arising after the Chair has been taken.

#### D. Special General Meeting

This is used in the event of the club being dissolved. See Rule 21 below.

### **Rule 21 DISSOLUTION**

#### **Dissolution procedure**

The committee, by a simple majority at a committee meeting (where all members of the committee are present), can decide it is necessary to recommend to the membership of Blagdon Cricket Club, that the club be dissolved. A Special General Meeting must then be called in accordance with the club constitution, with the expectation that the date of such Special General Meeting shall be between 21 and 30 days after the issue of notice calling that meeting.

If a two-thirds majority of all members presents at such Special General Meeting passes the dissolution motion, the club is then dissolved. The procedure to be adopted is specified in Rule 22 – Blagdon Cricket Club dissolution procedure.

<p><b>Rule 22 DISSOLUTION PROCEDURE</b></p>	<p>Blagdon Cricket Club Dissolution Procedure.</p> <p>In the event of a decision at a Special General Meeting to dissolve the club, the club committee will: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Identify the location of all club assets by reference to the club asset register</li> <li>ii. Ensure the assets are to be disposed of in a manner decided at the Special General Meeting, subject to clause 4 below</li> <li>iii. Dispose of as agreed by the members present at the Special General Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Club Trophies</li> <li>b. Club documents (Secretaries minutes and treasurers documents)</li> <li>c. Club Archives</li> </ul> </li> <li>iv. After all debts have been paid and any outstanding income received, ensure the final distribution of Club funds shall be given or transferred to another registered CASC, a registered charity or the sport's governing body in accordance with the wishes of the members present at the Special General Meeting.</li> <li>v. Prepare a final report on the distribution of Club Assets and Funds for issue to the dissolved membership.</li> <li>vi. Formal notification that the club has been dissolved is to be sent to the Somerset County Board and all affiliated organisations.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Rule 23 AMENDING RULES</b></p>	<p>These rules may be added to, reduced in number, amended or altered in any form ONLY at an A.G.M. of the Club or if an Extraordinary General Meeting called specifically for that purpose as provided for in Rule 20 as long as the Secretary receives written notice of the proposed alteration at least 14 days prior to such meetings and providing that the proposed alteration is passed by a two thirds majority of the members at the meeting.</p>
<p><b>Rule 24 SIGNATURE</b></p>	<p>The interpretation words importing the masculine gender include the feminine gender and where the context so admits words importing the singular number include the plural and vice versa.</p> <p>The interpretation of these rules shall otherwise be the responsibility of the officers of the Club.</p> <p>Signed <i>Mike Leveratt</i> Chairman</p> <p>Dated 8th November 2021</p> <p>These rules replace, in entirety, those previously operating from the 18th of November 2008, as approved and passed at the A.G.M. held on 8th November 2021.</p>

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